



USDA FOREST SERVICE

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service is making more than \$1 billion available to community-based organizations, Tribes, States, nonprofits, and other eligible organizations to increase equitable access to trees and the benefits they provide in disadvantaged urban communities.

This funding is made possible made by the Inflation Reduction Act, which provides up to \$1.5 billion for urban and community forestry investments that:

- Increase access in disadvantaged urban communities to trees and the associated benefits they provide to human health, the environment, and the economy;
- Broaden community engagement in local urban forest planning, tree planting, and management activities; and
- Improve community and urban forest resilience to climate change, extreme heat, forest pests and diseases, and storm events through best management and maintenance practices.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

The Forest Service is issuing a notice of funding opportunity, as well as providing funding directly to States and Territories.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO STATES AND TERRITORIES

The Forest Service is allocating \$250 million to States and Territories to administer competitive subgrant programs to ensure that funding flows as quickly and efficiently as possible to projects that support equitable access to trees and the benefits they provide.

For more details on allocations to individual States and Territories, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf/fy23-state-allocations>

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NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Forest Service is requesting proposals for projects that will provide equitable access to trees and green spaces, and the benefits they provide.

Eligible entities

- Community-based organizations
- State and local governments
- Agency or governmental entity of the District of Columbia
- Agency or governmental entity of an insular area as defined in section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)
- Federally recognized Tribes, Alaska Native Villages and corporations, and Tribal organizations as defined in 25 U.S.C. 5304 (I)
- Nonprofit organizations
- Public and State institutions of higher education

How applications will be assessed:

- Alignment with Justice40, the Inflation Reduction Act legislation, State Forest Action Plan, and Ten-Year National Urban and Community Forestry Plan priorities
- Technical merit
- Capability and capacity to carry out the proposed work within the grant period
- Measurable results or outcomes
- Budget and cost-effectiveness

All application materials must be received by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on June 1, 2023.

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